

House File 504 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the health education requirement for grades
2 nine through twelve under the education standards.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph j,
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) One unit of health education which shall include
4 personal health; food and nutrition; environmental health;
5 safety and survival skills; consumer health; family life;
6 age-appropriate and research-based human growth and
7 development; substance abuse and nonuse; emotional and social
8 health, including mental health awareness, coping skills,
9 and suicide prevention; health resources; and prevention
10 and control of disease, including age-appropriate and
11 research-based information regarding sexually transmitted
12 diseases, including HPV and the availability of a vaccine to
13 prevent HPV, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill adds mental health awareness, coping skills, and
18 suicide prevention to the subject matter that must be included
19 in the unit of health education which school districts and
20 accredited nonpublic schools must offer and teach in grades
21 9-12.